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February 11, 2013

Re: DRM 11-077, New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Chapter Puc 500 -
Rules for Gas Service
Public Comment Hearing

To the Parties:

On January 11, 2013, Unitil submitted a request in the above-captioned docket for a supplemental hearing on, among other things, the issue of cost implications of the proposed revisions to the Puc 500 gas service rules.

At the public hearing held on October 19, 2012, Staff requested that support be provided for any cost claims stemming from the proposed changes. Based on a review of written comments submitted following the hearing, the Commission has found that parties have made a number of claims that certain revisions to the rules will lead to significant additional costs to operators. However, the support for such claims submitted to date is not clear or specific enough for the Commission to be able to conduct a proper cost/benefit analysis.

To the extent parties are arguing cost barriers to specific proposed rule revisions, parties are asked to submit clear, detailed support for such arguments, including invoices where available (e.g., for destructive welding tests), and clear definitions of units and elements of cost, including explanations for each element, by no later than noon on Thursday, February 14, 2013. It is presumed that the support is readily available, to the extent cost claims have been formulated and submitted in written comments previously in this proceeding.

The Commission will entertain public comment on the proposed rules at a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 15, 2013. To the extent that parties have additional comments that have not already been submitted during the course of this proceeding, those comments should be provided at the time of the hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
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